



May 2011 News
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Calling All Graduates!

This year Mount Zion will honor our graduating students at a reception in our fellowship hall on Sunday, June 5, at noon. Families, friends, and church family are invited to come by to congratulate and encourage our graduates as they start a new chapter in their life.

Please be sure to submit your graduate's name and college or career path information to the church office by May 20th so that your student will be listed correctly in publications.

All senior citizens are invited:

Senior Citizen Banquet

Saturday, May 7

5 p.m. in Mount Zion's fellowship hall



(sponsored by the Share & Care class)

Please call the church office if you need a ride.

Vacation Bible School
Take a Walk on the Wild Side!
July 11—15
6:00 to 8:40 pm



This year, the children will be learning all about the Lord's Prayer at VBS. If you can help out in any way, big or small, please complete the volunteer form located on the VBS table in the narthex.

For our crafts, we are also collecting toilet-paper tubes and medium-sized, disposable round canisters with plastic lids (such as powder drink, nut container, or small coffee cans). Donations can be placed in the designated boxes in the narthex.

Most importantly, please begin praying for a successful VBS and all the helpers who will be needed.



FROM THE PASTOR



No doubt you have seen and/or heard the announcements of our Church Conference scheduled for Sunday, May 1, after the 11:00 worship service. We are considering the purchase of the land and house that adjoins our property on the north side. Before taking such a step, we need to answer some questions.

One big, practical question is: “How we are going to pay for it?” Regardless of something’s benefit or value, purchases require money. We must never jeopardize God’s ministry by over-extending ourselves financially. Our Finance Committee, with input from the Building Committee and Board of Trustees, has put together a plan to fund the purchase. I will not try to explain that plan at risk of displaying my financial ignorance, but the financial question has an answer.

Another question is: “How does this purchase fit into our plans for multipurpose, classroom, meeting, office space, etc.?” The Building Committee has wrestled with that question vigorously. The consensus is that the house in question could serve as a parsonage and that would allow the current parsonage to be put to other use (i.e. offices/additional meeting space). Replacing the current parsonage was part of the overall charge given to the Building Committee. Given the timing of the opportunity before us, it seems wise to put that part of the project into motion now.

A related question is: “Will this delay the plans for the other needed expansion/improvements?” I think the best answer to that is, not necessarily. Much planning and development will have to take place before the Building Committee will be ready to propose a construction project. That work will continue while we pay off the money borrowed to purchase the land next door. Perhaps by the time that mortgage is burned (hopefully in about two years based on our previous track record), we will be ready to act on the larger expansion needs.

As important as those other questions are, there is another question that eclipses them. The other day someone asked me: “What does this have to do with reaching people for Jesus Christ?” I have said again and again that everything we do must align with our purpose of making disciples of Jesus Christ. The purchase of this land must pass the same test, or we have no business spending the time, energy, and effort on it that could be better invested elsewhere. The answer to this question is not so well defined. No one will place their faith in Christ simply because the church owns one more acre of land. However, property and buildings are tools that we employ to accomplish the ministry God gives us to do. This purchase provides the possibility to expand in the future, and it yields additional space for Sunday School, extra room for our growing staff, and a more relaxed atmosphere for the parsonage family in the present. All of those benefits relate directly to making disciples. Let’s use every tool God places within our hands to extend his kingdom and help as many people as possible come to a right relationship with God through Christ.

Your fellow servant,
Pastor Leonard

SERMON SERIES:

Living the Life You Never Wanted

These messages will help us learn how to handle the disappointments and challenges of life from Joseph, who experiences a long and dramatic succession of disappointments, hurts, and injustices. We will see how faith in God enabled him to endure and even thrive in spite of crushing circumstances.

Youth Mission News:

Our Youth Mission team will leave for Atlanta, Georgia, from July 17th -23rd but we're still planning the details in May. Our mission planning subcommittee will meet Tuesday, May 10, at 7:00 PM in the middle school classroom.

Youth Schedule:

- ... The youth will gather at the church for the Race of Grace on Sunday, May 1, at 2:00 PM. This will be in place of our regular youth meeting time. For more information, check out the 5k portion of raceofgrace.org.
- ... Youth Council Meeting on May 9th at 7:00 PM in the middle school classroom. This will be our last council meeting before we break for the summer.
- ... No Youth on May 8th in honor of Mother's Day
- ... Youth from 5:00 – 7:00 PM on May 15th
- ... Youth Praise from 7:00 – 8:00 PM on May 15th
- ... Youth from 5:00 – 7:00 PM on May 22nd
- ... No Youth on May 29th for the Memorial Day Holiday
- ... Mission Payment due in full by Sunday, May 29th

Mount Zion UMYF sends out weekly emails and manages an online blog. Contact Pastor Carley or the church office to be added to the email list, or view the youth blog at <http://mzyouthblog.blogspot.com/>

Nursery News

We are blessed with a growing number of babies and toddlers in our nursery. We are so excited about it! They are very important to us, and we are working to make more room for them and others. So we now have two nurseries during our 11:00 service. The room beside the regular nursery, which is the pre-school Sunday school room, will have the 2's and 3's. They will have play time and story time. You may check them in before the 11:00 service or later. If you would like a pager for us to contact you in case you are needed, you will need to check in at the nursery.

Other changes to be made in the nursery will be a door installed to join the nurseries and a wall-changing table to make more room on the floor.

We are also looking for volunteers and hiring more staff. If you are interested, see Donna Rex (phone 585-4534, email rexdonna@yahoo.com).



Family Easter Celebration

Thank you to everyone that came to the Family Easter Celebration. We are so glad you came and hope you had a great time. We also want to thank our volunteers that helped with the Easter Celebration. We could not have done it without you! We had 75 children registered and 82 adults. The children made resurrection eggs as they participated in activities that went along with the Easter Story. After the Easter Story, the children enjoyed an egg hunt in the cemetery followed by lunch in the fellowship hall. They enjoyed hotdogs and beautiful Easter cupcakes.



Everyone is invited to attend a **baby shower** for **Emily & Brandon Crocker** Saturday, May 14, from 2 to 4 p.m. In our fellowship hall
It's a boy and they are registered at Target, WalMart & Anna Kate's
(Given by Family & Friends)

Everyone is invited to a **bridal shower** for **Carley Scheitrum** Sunday, May 22, from 2 to 4 p.m. In our fellowship hall.

Rejoice in the birth of **Cody Clayton Eason** on Sunday, March 17! Cody, son of Caraline Belcher & James Eason, weighed 6 lbs 1 ounce and was 20 ½ inches long. We rejoice and pray God's blessings on Cody always .

Caroline Tucker was crowned Sweetheart Princess of Wake County and was first runner up and most photogenic in the Wee Princess of Wake County. Caroline is the five-year-old daughter of Allison and Trent Tucker and granddaughter of Amanda and Mickey Carroll.

Come out and cheer for Mount Zion's softball teams! All games are played at Mount Moriah Baptist Church in Garner.



Women's softball schedule:

- Monday, May 02, 7:30 pm
- Friday, May 06, 7:30 pm
- Friday, May 13 7:30 pm
- Monday, May 16 7:30 pm
- Thursday, May 19, 7:30 pm
- Monday, May 23, 7:30 pm
- Tuesday, May 24, 6:30 pm

Men's softball schedule:

- Tuesday, May 03, 7:30 pm
- Friday, May 06, 9:30
- Friday, May 13, 8:30 pm
- Friday, May 20, 8:30 pm
- Thursday, May 26, 6:30 pm

Native American Ministries Sunday: May 8

The Native American Ministries Sunday offering develops and strengthens Native American ministries within the annual conference, expands the number of target cities in the Native American Urban Initiative and educates Native American seminarians.

A group of women plan to attend the **Women of Faith Conference** in Charlotte on September 23 - 24. Hear Luci Swindell, Sheila Walsh, Natalie Grant, and many others. The cost is \$89 plus hotel. If interested, contact Joy Crow at 605-5764 or jdcrow@gmail.com before July 1.

DISCOVERING MY MINISTRY CLASS

Sunday, May 22, at 6:30 p.m.
Please call the church office to sign up.
Childcare provided upon request.

Financial Update through March, 2011

Total Giving for Operating Budget	\$116,895
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 93,428</u>
Income Exceeds Expenses	\$ 23,467
Building Fund Carryover from 2010	\$87,950
Building Fund Contributions in 2011	<u>\$ 5,758</u>
Total of Building Fund	\$93,708



Mount Zion UMC - May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Race of Grace</i> FH reserved (Williams) 1 pm	2 <i>Cub Scouts</i> Children's Ministry 7 pm Youth Council 7 pm	3 <i>Boy Scouts</i>	4	5 Cleveland Childcare 10am Missions Team 7 pm Table Manners Small Group 7 pm	6 decorate for senior's banquet 5 pm	7 Senior's banquet 5 pm
8 Men's breakfast 7 am	9 <i>Cub Scouts</i> Gifts Comm. 7 pm Evangelism Comm. 7 pm Troop 64 Comm. 7:30 pm	10 <i>Boy Scouts</i> Morning Glory Circle 10 am Youth Missions planning mtg 7 pm	11 SPRC mtg. 6 pm Cub Scout Comm. 7 pm Den Leader mtg. 7:45 pm	12 Cleveland Childcare 9 am CPR class 6 pm Table Manners Small Group 7 pm	13 Creative Christians 6:30 pm	14 FH reserved (Crocker) 1 pm Fellowship Supper 6:30 pm
15 Venturing Advisory 6 pm Administrative Council meeting 6:30 pm	16 <i>Cub Scouts</i> Worship Comm. 7 pm Stevens/Lane Circle 7 pm	17 <i>Boy Scouts</i> Seniors Small Group 11 am Trustees Meeting 7 pm MCAA 7 pm	18	19 Cleveland Childcare 10am Table Manners Small Group 7 pm	20 Fellowship Hall reserved 12 pm (Johnson) Cleveland Childcare 6 pm	21 CPR class 9 am Fellowship Hall reserved 1 pm (Johnson)
22 FH reserved (Maynard) 2 pm Discovering My Mission 6:30 pm	23 <i>Cub Scouts</i>	24 <i>Boy Scouts</i>	25 Cub Scout Pack meeting 7 pm	26	27 <i>Camp Don Lee</i>	28 <i>Camp Don Lee</i>
29 <i>Camp Don Lee</i>	30 <i>Cub Scouts</i>	31 <i>Boy Scouts</i>	<u>Every Sunday</u> Worship 8:30 Worship 11:00 CAFÉ 9:30 Sunday School 9:45 Youth Group 5:00 Handbells 6 pm	<u>Every Wednesday</u> Prayer 7 am Prayer 6:30 pm Alleluia Choir 6 p.m. Adult Choir 7pm Venturing 7pm	<u>Small Groups</u> Boundaries Sundays 7 pm Busy as Bees Mondays 7 pm Christians Caching In Saturdays 9 am Support Group Thursdays 7:30	How to Pray Weds. 7 pm Fishing Club Mondays 7 pm Something Doers Tuesdays 7 pm <u>Exercise</u> Tues, Wed, Fri 10 a.m. Thurs. 7 pm

Mount Zion UMC to Hold Church Conference

Our District Superintendent, Jon Strother, has authorized Mount Zion United Methodist Church to hold a Church Conference on Sunday, May 1, 2011, at 12:10 PM (following the 11:00 worship service). A Church Conference is a special meeting called to address matters such as purchasing property, borrowing money, and building buildings. All full members of the church are invited to participate and vote on the issue at hand. The purpose of this Church Conference will be to vote on a proposal to purchase the property (land and house) adjacent to and north of the current church property.

Mount Zion's Board of Trustees and Building Committee have identified several advantages that purchase of this property would provide to our church:

- It expands Mount Zion's limited acreage by at least 20%.
- It connects the current church property with undeveloped land to the north for potential future expansion.
- It provides a house, which could be used as a parsonage, that would be near to the church but also allow more privacy for the parsonage family.
- It potentially allows the current parsonage to be used as offices/meeting space, which in turn frees the current office space for other use.

At the Church Conference, we will hear the recommendations of the Trustees, Building Committee, Finance Committee, and Parsonage Team. There will also be opportunity for questions. Please plan to stay after the 11:00 worship service or return at noon on May 1 to participate.



Mount Zion now has a "Company Store" with Land's End catalog! You can order ANY item from Land's End catalog with our Mount Zion logo.

Go to ces.landsends.com/mountzion (Note: there is not a "www." in the website address.) There is a \$5.95 fee for the logo application. We will soon have a few items to view and purchase at CAFÉ. Questions? Call Barbara Taylor at 349-9249.

We are exploring the possibility of a **Mother's Morning Out Program** at Mount Zion. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact Wendy Hewett at wendy@hewettproperties.com or 662-4960.

Saturday Night Fellowship Suppers will continue by dividing the congregation geographically. The next meal will be on Saturday, **May 14**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone who has a Raleigh, Fuquay, Angier, or Lillington address is encouraged to attend. Please bring your family and a dish or two to share.



Basic Needs Ministry: 5533 NC 42W, Garner, (through the gate by Bojangles at 40/42) is opening to provide free goods for Johnston County **residents who had storm losses** on April 16th. They will welcome those with referrals from Johnston County churches, schools, social service agencies, and non-profits who provide basic services for those in need. They will be open on Mondays from 1 - 9 pm, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm. Space is limited, but volunteers will be needed to receive, sort and display donations. Call 661-6565 to volunteer or to ask any questions. Donations of clothing & household items are needed to help provide the free goods. If you would like to make a monetary donation, you can mail your check to : Basic Needs Ministry, 5533 NC HWY 42W, Suite D96, Garner, NC.

Japan & Pacific Emergency Donations: UMCOR is accepting donations for the Japan and Pacific Emergency. Please make your check out to Mount Zion UMC and note: "UMCOR Advance 3021317" in the memo and place in the offering plate. 100% of the donation will be used to help people in need.

Shepherd's Shelf: We are collecting spaghetti and sauce for Shepherd's Shelf Food Pantry in May. Place your donation on the shelf in the narthex.

Missions Focus for May: Race of Grace Weekend April 29 – May 1, 2011

The Race of Grace weekend unites athletes and amateurs, friends and strangers for three inspirational days of golfing, walking, running, and biking. The mission is to alleviate suffering by partnering with organizations that help and empower neighbors in our community who are impacted by poverty.

Every year the Raleigh District – NC Conference of The United Methodist Church interviews and selects local agencies that reach out in powerful and effective ways to those in need. Haven House and Women's Center of Wake County help and empower those who are homeless. The Franklin County Volunteers in Medicine Clinic serves those who do not have access to adequate healthcare. All weekend proceeds will benefit the good work of these agencies.

Registration for all three events, information about our recipient agencies and more may be found at www.RaceofGrace.org and on the Missions bulletin board.

Together, we can make a difference!

- Links of Grace Golf Tournament is a 4-person Superball (Captain's Choice) event held Friday, April 29, at the Neuse Golf Club in Clayton. Shotgun starts are at 8:30 AM and 2:00 PM. Register early for a limited number of teams in each flight.
- Tour de Grace Bike Ride takes off Saturday, April 30. This 32- and 52-mile bike tour through beautiful Franklin County begins at 9:00 AM at Louisburg College.
- Race of Grace 5K Walk/Run begins at 4:00 PM on Sunday, May 1, at Edenton Street United Methodist Church in downtown Raleigh. Bands and fans will line the race route along Hillsborough Street and through shady neighborhoods. Age group winners receive home-baked cakes and gift certificates from Raleigh Running Outfitters.



Notes From the Music Department

I pray that many of you were blessed by the special music throughout Holy Week and on Easter. I am so grateful for Joan Neuner and Mary Margaret Manlove and their work with the children! Thanks go out to the children who sang for us on Palm Sunday and to their parents for getting them to practices. They added so much to that worship service!

Ladies of the bell choir, thank you! You put in extra practice time to work with the children and showed up early on Easter (6:00 am) to play "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today." The bells sound great outside, don't they!

Speaking of extra practice time, thank you choir members for the hours and hours spent working on the Cantata. It was truly a labor of love! Carmen Dyer, Thomas Earley, Sarah Hernandez, Daniel Rex and Josiah Rex did a wonderful job with the drama. Randy Wise came through for me once again with the sets. Tommy Crocker and Charles Newsom ran the sound and PowerPoint. Thank you all! What a wonderful way to tell the Easter Story and relate its transforming power.

Summer is just around the corner. We love the warm weather and trips to the beach, but it sure wreaks havoc on the church choir! The choir will sing as often as they can, but we will need to have special music on many of the Sundays this summer. Check your family's calendar and let me know when you would like to share your God-given talents with your church family. I will be keeping a schedule posted in the choir room of those who have made arrangements with me so that those considering when they can sing or play and instrument can check for openings. You can speak with me at church, leave a note in my church mailbox, or call my house at 553-7313. Let's fill God's house with joyful, worshipful music and praise!

Nancy Rivers
Choir Director 🎵



The Morning Glory Circle meets on
Tuesday, May 10, at 10 a.m.
in our fellowship hall

The Stevens Lane Circle will meet on
Monday, May 16, at 7 p.m.
in our fellowship hall

United Methodist Men's Group

Send a Kid to Camp Program

Our Methodist Men's group is offering scholarships of \$150 to aid children attending Mount Zion to be able to share in the Methodist Camp experience this summer. All applications will be reviewed, verified, and approved by a panel from the men's group. Applications are available in the church office.

All men are invited to United Methodist Men's breakfast at 7 a.m. on Sunday, May 8. Come for fellowship, devotions, and breakfast and get to know other men at Mount Zion.

PRAYER LISTS

*Please take a moment to review our prayer list and contact the church office with any changes.
Prayer request cards are available in the narthex.*

Remember in Prayer

Butch Bolt
Pam Davis
T.J. Davis
Michelle Edwards
Ted Folk
Marsha Grissom
Cale Heintzelman
Rhonda Jernigan
Dewayne McDaniel
Larry Nobling
Sue Nowell
Julia Taylor
Ethel Wall
Jacque Wheeler
John Smith

Shut-ins

Onnie Barbour
Helen Britt
Bea Carroll
Doris Ennis
Marie Lucas
Odell Penny
Arch Sheratt

Serving Our Country

Gregory Adrien
Joseph Clayton
Justin Coats
Adam Comstock
Trey Grissom
Michael Hanlan
Brett Haskins
Jonathan Hinnant
Zack Moreland
Zachary Penny
Amber Smith
Robert Smith
Jason Testerink
Josh Woodard

Treatment/Recovery

Sally Askew
Hilary Aycock
Sherie Baker
Matthew Baldwin
Anne Barber
Dixie Barbour
Sylvia Barbour
Joey Barns
John Behnken
Billy Bennett
Mason Benson
Bill Boyd
Jim Boyd
Margaret Boyd
Bob Brock
Frankie Brock
Walt Brown
Debbie Burns
Mary Cantando
LaVerne Coats
Raphus Coats
Tim Cowell
Bob Creech
Joy Crow
James "Bud" Cutler
Matthew Davis
Darren Dodd
Iva Earley
Bonnie Edwards
Curtis Edwards
Maverine Edwards
Robert Elliott
Barbara Ennis
Valerie Ennis
Helen Forbes
Steve Freeman
Jack Futtrell
Danny Gabriel
Covo Gardner
Mary Gensel
Vicki Gerhardt
Barbara Gibbins
Heather Giddeons
Leanne Gilbert
Leroy Griffin
Ellen Grissom
Lorene Grissom
Macon Grissom
Lottie Gurganus

Howard Hamilton
Amy Hardenburgh
Jackie Hayes
Clayton Hedgepeth
Bill Herr
Bill Hewett
Billy Hicks
Mable Hicks
Heather Hill
Patricia Holden
Madeline Hopkins
Margaret Humphries
Will Irwin
Dorothy Jamieson
Linda Jensen
Angela Johnson
Ethel Jones
Garrett Jones
Jim Jones
Ladonna Jones
Michael Jones
Billy Jordan
Jean Jory
Kara Ketchesin
Liz Kilby
Dawn Kleuoff
Laura Krivac
Helen Langley
Sylvia Lewis
Mark Lisanti
Samantha Locklear
Ellen T. Maynard
Nancy McCormick
Glenn McElveen
Jean McElveen
Arianna McLamb
Pam Miller
Glen Moore
Katie Myatt
Wayne Neal
John Neuner
Ella Newmiller
Oliver Family
Marilyn Parmenter
Margaret Peacock
Mable Penny
Dorothy Phillips
Billy Pitman
Bill Plum
Kathie Porter

Sherrie Pourron
Matthew Puckett
Roy Raynor
Randolph Richardson
Tori Rivers
Evelyn Roberts
Artoryia Sanders
Ashley Scott
Chase Scott
Kelli Seiden
Randall Shaw
Kathy Shuman
Delores Smith
Robert Smith
Julia Strickland
Jane Suddith
Rayford Tart
James Taylor
Stephanie Thomas
Sue Thomas
Jeanne Utt
Leo VanDolson
Reatha VanDolson
William vanWie
CB Wade
Judie Walsh
Meg Wasley
David Weatherman
Wanda Weld
Kenneth White Family
Jill Whitfield

2011 Chairpersons:

Administrative Council: Allen Dyer
Staff Parish Relations: Barry Myers
Finance: Tony Hewett
Stewardship: Rex Spivey
Trustees: Greg Burns
Missions: Lisa Blauvelt
Evangelism: Barbara Hemphill-Taylor
Children: Donna Rex
Family: Vickie Donohue, Myrtle Earley
Lay Leader: Don Maynard
Treasurer: Martha Eatmon
Sunday School: Denise Hicks, Al Andrews
Chief Ushers: John Boyd, Randy Earley
Altar/Worship: Melissa Cupit
Gifts: Lou Johnson
Fundraising: Mike Stewart
Kitchen: Dawn Newkirk
Cemetery: Robert Dupree, Jack Johnson
Yard: Charles Newsom, Tommy Crocker
Bereavement: Wendy Hewett
Parsonage: Kathryn Wright
History: Lisa Maloney
Youth: Carley Scheitrum
Technology: Les Brown
Sports Ministry: John Holden



MERCI is a Mission and Ministry Resource Center located in Goldsboro, NC. Inspired by Jesus Christ to a mission of caring, MERCI seeks to alleviate the suffering of those impacted by disaster, poverty, or adversity.

The following items are greatly needed for distribution to areas affected by the recent storms. Please donate items at the designated area in the narthex to be delivered to the MERCI Center.

ITEMS NEEDED

- Prayers for affected areas and persons
- Tarps (all sizes)
- Health kits and/or supplies to assemble the kits
- Flood buckets and/or supplies to assemble the buckets
- Baby supplies especially disposable diapers and baby wipes
- Pop-top food (i.e., prepared food item in easy-open cans)
- Paper products
- School supplies

These are immediate needs for MERCI Center storm response. Please contact MERCI Center if you have questions:

tornardoresponse@nccumc.org - email contact

merciumc.org - MERCI website

MERCI Contact Numbers: 888-440-9167 or 919-739-9167

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